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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Advisory Group Members

Subject : Minutes of the 11 November 1976 Executive Advisory Group Meeting

1. The Executive Advisory Group (EAG) met on 11 November 1976 to discuss proposals by Dr. Stevens aimed at improving the Agency's substantive intelligence product. A DDI paper (EAG 5/a) outlining the principal proposals had been circulated to EAG members prior to the meeting.

2. Dr. Stevens summarized recommendations made by [redacted] consultants and explained their relationship to organizational initiatives being recommended by the DDI: the establishment of a Center for Policy Support, an Office of Regional and Political Analysis, a Current Reporting Group, a Publications and Presentations Group, and a Resources Analysis Center. In addition, OER's focus would be re-examined; IAS would be renamed to emphasize its production role; professional ties would be expanded outside the Intelligence Community; recommendations for more realistic security practices would be considered; and improved personnel management policies would be pursued. OWI and OSI would be moved to the DDI from the DDS&T to consolidate CIA management of analysis and production. [redacted] be transferred from the DDI to the DDS&T to further concentrate DDI efforts on production and place this essentially technical collection component in a technical environment. Dr. Stevens said he intended to accomplish the above within existing resource levels.

3. During the course of the discussion, Mr. Knoche said that he wanted the DDI to work towards improved evaluation of the consequences of proposals made to the Operations Advisory Group (OAG); the new Center for Policy Support provided an opportunity to accomplish this. Mr. Knoche asked Mr. Blake to have the Office of Personnel look into the possible relationship between the DDI proposal to establish new career management procedures for its

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clericals and the new procedures being implemented in the DDO for the same purpose.

4. Much of the discussion centered on the proposed move of OWI and OSI to the DDI. Mr. Dirks emphasized that the move would bring basic change to the DDS&T and offered suggestions for mechanisms which might improve integration of the production function without the transfer of offices. Mr. Knoche said that on balance he felt the argument for the OWI/OSI move was convincing and that he would recommend to the DCI that he approve it, as well as the proposed transfer [] to the DDS&T. He approved all of the other DDI proposals. Subsequent to the meeting, the DCI approved the OWI, OSI, and [] transfers.

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